

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. John D. Williams

Lt. Col. John D. Williams is the commander of the 757th Airlift Squadron. He is a rated officer and C-130 Hercules pilot with more than 21 years flying experience. Most recently he was appointed mission commander for the Hurricane Ike and Gustav aerial spray relief efforts based out of Barksdale AFB, LA. He also served as pilot during aerial spray missions in Louisiana. He is a combat veteran having flown numerous sorties in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

U.S. Air Force Maj. Karl Haagsma, Ph.D.

Major Karl Haagsma (Phd) is an entomologist attached to the Aerial Spray group of the 757 Airlift Squadron located at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio. The mission of the aerial spray group is the aerial application of pesticides to protect troops from insect born disease. He has been with the unit for approximately five years. Prior to joining the Air Force Reserve, he earned a doctorate degree in entomology from the University of California Riverside and has spent the past 16 years in the entomology/pest control industry including time as an Agricultural Pest Control Advisor, and as a technical consultant in the field of Urban Entomology.

U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. John Daniels

Senior Master Sergeant John Daniels is the chief of the 910th Aerial Spray Maintenance Flight. He is in charge of the maintenance and functionality of the Modular Aerial Spray System (MASS) He has been involved in all of the spray flights major missions supporting hurricane relief to include most recently hurricane Katrina and Gustav relief efforts, as well as many research and development projects. Sergeant Daniels has more than 17 years of service with the aerial spray mission.